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Dear Hal=

I had a chance to go over my notes and bring you further up to date with respect to my recent visit to Dallas plus some additional items on Oliver Stone which you wanted me to send you if I came across them.

The enclosures I've included deal with the Dallas Symposium, Oliver Stone's movie plus some interesting book reviews (Mark Lane's book on J. Edgar Hoover and a review of a new book on Meyer Lansky). I think the "Texas Monthly" Dec. 1991 story is an important one. You may not have seen it so I'm sending it to you. Notice that one of the enclosures I sent is a piece by Tom Bethell on the Stone film.

I know I had promised you a listing of all of Oswald's Marine Corps associates I've managed to list but I won't be able to include it in this letter (it would take too long to put it into a form where it can be easily referred to. I also want to have it put into alphabetical order so it can be readily referred to. I will be working on completing it sometime this coming week (I have a note on my desk to complete it + send it off to you so it is a task that I will get done!).

Speaking about lists I just received a "Master Researcher Directory" dated November, 1991. It is put out by Gordon Winslow out of Miami. My name and Paul Hoch's name are in it. It contains 213 names and one surprising

name on the list is: Gerald Patrick Hemming!

apparently Hemming is a "buff" who is interested not only in the JFK assassination but also the Martin Luther King assassination. This I gathered by the names listed that he says he's seeking information on. I recognize some of these but others are unfamiliar. Here is what he shows interest in -

- JOHN PAISLEY
- PAUL HELLWELL
- COL. JACK HAWKINS
- RON KARENGA
- BOBBY PASH
- BERNARDO GONZALES DETORRES
- COL. ABBES GARCIA
- ROBERT L JOHNSON
- MITCHELL WERBELL
- ROLANDO MASFERRER
- ANGLETON (OF CIA)
- COL. ARTURO ESPAILLAT
- VICTOR ESPINOZA
- JAMES ESTERLINE
- WILLIAM PAWLEY
- JACK RYKER
- OTTO SKORZENY
- COLIN WILSON

These names probably may mean more to you but I don't know much on any of the above, except, of course, for the better known names as Masferrer, Pawley + Wilson. Perhaps you can contact him if need be. Hemming's address is listed as:

537 N.E. 133RD ST. - NORTH MIAMI, FL. 33161 (phone# 305-899-1153)

(Hemming says that calls should be placed "night/sunrise").

There is another name included in the "Directory" of he is somebody I had a long conversation with when I was at the Symposium. I was very impressed with his knowledge of the JFK autopsy. He definitely knew what he was talking about (he didn't think much of the Lifton "alteration" of the body scenario). Anyway, his name is DR. LOUIS KARTSONIS.

His complete address is: 4717 Mission Blvd., Suite #5, San Diego, Ca. 92109 (phone #619-581-3838, M-F-8 to 5 P.S.T.).

Kartsonis is an ophtamologist and he told me an interesting story about his efforts to look at the JFK autopsy photos. Kartsonis said he had written to the Kennedy family to get permission to see the autopsy material. Burke Marshall wrote him back (around 1979 I believe) and told Kartsonis he failed to meet any of the three basic requirements for looking at the material. Kartsonis persisted & wrote again & said his persistence paid off. This time Marshall allowed Kartsonis the opportunity to see the photos (I'm not sure if Kartsonis mentioned anything else). One thing I recall Kartsonis telling me that one of the photos clearly showed a hole in the back of the head. Of course, I wasn't in a position to have him expand on what he did see but I think you should write him and learn what he found. I'm sure he has notes on this which he must've kept.

Another name in the "Directory" I received is Dave Perry. I'm sure you know him because the latest issue of the "Third Decade" has an article by him on the Roscoe White and he thoroughly demolishes that fiasco. In fact when I spoke to Perry whom I met outside of Larry Howard's office he told me details about the Roscoe White which were not included in his article that by themselves would've flattened the White story. It's a good thing the Symposium didn't include the White thing in any of its panels!

There was something that Perry told me about Buell Wesley Frazier & I think it's important you should

know and that is this: Apparently Perry & Frazier have gotten to be very good friends (Perry told me they often go to ball games together). I knew, of course, that Frazier owned a British 303 rifle and that Frazier, of course, was interrogated soon after the assassination.

But what I didn't know as Perry explained to me was that Frazier was called back for further questioning. The second interrogation was more intense and Fritz kept saying to Frazier something like: "C'mon boy - tell us what you know. Tell the truth, boy!" Frazier, according to Perry, got real scared at that point and thought he was being singled out as the assassin.

It is Perry's belief that Frazier who was only 19 at the time (1963) was under tremendous pressure & the story about Oswald bringing in a long bag was really a "white lie" made up (to protect Frazier). Perry told me that it was Frazier's sister who pointed out the bag to her brother & that he (Frazier) actually didn't see the bag Oswald allegedly had with him. The bag was in the back of the car as Perry pointed out. Perry said, nevertheless, that Frazier held firm as to the size of the bag.

I guess you'd have to write to Perry & ask him for precise details on this.

I have already given you Stan Szerszen's address & phone # (in my last letter). One thing I forgot to tell you about him is that he got to speak with Kennedy aide, Dave Powers. Powers told Szerszen that he knew that shots came from different directions when he was in the motorcade & everyone who was with him also knew it.

Butt, said Powers, if the contents of this particular conversation were made public he told Szerszen that he would totally deny it!

By the way I've written Szerszen & asked him to write you about his analysis of the Tom Wilson photo "evidence". I hope he will do so.

An interesting thing I forgot to mention in my last letter (I looked over my notes) is that when I was getting off the elevator at the Dallas hotel (Regency Hyatt) & going to my room there was a gentleman getting off the same floor as I was and he had a name tag showing the last name "Carr." I jokingly said to him, "You're not related to a Mr. Waggoner Carr" and to my great surprise he said, "Why, yes—he's my brother." I then asked him why he was attending & he told me he had a great interest in the whole JFK business. He said he believed that Oswald did do the shooting but that he believed there was a conspiracy, nevertheless.

I then asked him if his brother knew he was at the Symposium & he said, yes, he did know. I then asked him if his brother still kept up with all the news since the assassination & he told me, that, yes, he does. He said his brother had some personal "momentos" he was keeping but that there were other items he was releasing. I didn't have time to get Waggoner Carr's address but it probably wouldn't be too difficult to locate him. I think it would be a good idea to write him.

I got a call last week from a writer who is doing a book on Garrison due out in January (the writer's name is Jim DiEugenio). He wanted more information on the "Wray" episode which took place back in 1967-1968. DiEugenio overheard me at the Symposium discussing that alleged plot to get Garrison. DiEugenio said he found it so interesting he wanted to include it in his book. I also suggested that he call Tom Sanders & Tom said he did call and Tom told all about what he did.

By the way in my interview with DiEugenio I said I believed that Wray's name appeared in one of the Warren Commission's volumes but I may have mistaken it for a Commission Document from the Archives. As I recall it was either you or John Christian who told me about this. Can you recall what it was that I saw? (as I remember it was some document & the document referred to a spy scandal in which Wray figured in where he was involved selling atomic missile secrets). Memory tells me that the document referred to a N.Y. Times story on the scandal & that it occurred in 1959. I cannot locate my notes on this. Can you refresh my memory on this?

Before I close this long letter I wanted to tell you about my meeting this retired Army General who knew Kennedy & worked on the U-2 project. I made notes of a conversation I had with him & here is the essence of what we discussed=

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I was at a party in San Mateo back on December 10, 1990 & met a retired Army General whose name is Jim Boswell (I asked him if he were related to J. Thornton Boswell and he said, no, not as far as he knew. He didn't know that J-T. Boswell was involved in the autopsy of JFK — this was news to him, the first time he'd heard of this. I told him of the coincidence in names but, of course, Boswell is not an uncommon name).

Boswell told me he retired (around 1962, I believe). He knew President Kennedy & McNamara personally. Boswell also had met other world leaders & recalled telling of his meeting with Molotov (Boswell had once lived in Russia).

Boswell told me about a conversation he had with Kennedy about being involved in Indo-China (he didn't tell me the date or year he spoke with him). Kennedy had asked Boswell what he thought about our involvement in that region of the world. The General didn't hesitate. He told Kennedy he was opposed to it. (I've had a more recent discussion with him & he is a crusty type — a general right out of the old mold of military men. He doesn't hesitate to say exactly what he thinks & feels about an issue. He was extremely intrigued about what I knew about the assassination. We achieved a real good rapport & I do like the guy).

Kennedy had asked Boswell what his advice would be — what General he thought would be a good choice for that part of the world (Indo-China).

Without hesitation, Boswell replied = "General Giapp, sir!" (If you recall it was Giapp who roundly trounced the French in 1954 at Diem Bien Phu). But the General said we don't have any such figure on hand & his advice was we shouldn't be there!

Kennedy said, "I see what you mean!" Kennedy added, "I appreciate your views" and then Kennedy expanded on this (& this I think is very important & I've underlined it because it reflects a good deal of what Kennedy knew and was facing from his military advisors at the time) -

"General - if you ever need to tell me something (about intelligence) - don't you hesitate, get to me & don't worry about going through channels - you know I don't always get the intelligence I should!" Boswell assured him that he would do so.

Boswell told me that he had been with the OSS, & then went on into the early CIA (as CIG) right after Donovan. Boswell told me that he had worked on the U-2 project. He said he was in the CIA section but not with the "dirty tricks" division.

I asked him if he had heard about the rumor that the CIA had deliberately had Powers U-2 plane shot down over Russia in 1960 to derail the Summit conference but he said he knew nothing about that rumor being true.

Boswell told me he spoke 5 languages - he can speak Russian. One other little item he told me, I asked him if he knew Godfrey McHugh & he said, yes, he did. He knew him because they both went to military school together (I believe it was West Point). He said that McHugh was quite a "ladies man" then & drove around in a convertible which had a certain nickname (referring to chasing women). Apparently McHugh and Boswell must've gone out on dates together. Boswell knew nothing about McHugh being Kennedy's personal aide to him & that he was with the casket when it was being moved from Dallas to its eventual destination of Bethesda. I guess I was the first person to tell him about this.

Boswell said he knew nothing about Oswald's access to the U-2 at Atsugi. (I don't recall if Boswell told me he had been at Atsugi. If he did I can find no reference to it in my notes).

By the way I'll be seeing the General (and his wife) again on Thursday, December 19th. His wife & he have invited me (and other friends) to attend a party which I'm looking forward to. talking with him again.

If you have any specific questions you'd like to have me address to him I can certainly question him. He is very open with

me. One question I'll ask him is about "crypto-secret" clearance & what the "black box" stuff is all about. You may have some other questions you want to ask him.

I do recall one question I did ask him & that was if he knew anything about an alleged "super-secret" operation known as "METO" which was run out of Atsugi. So far everyone I've asked knows nothing about it. Boswell said he hadn't heard of it.

My guess is that "METO" might stand for something like "Marine Electronic Training (or Tactical) Organization (or Outfit). This is a pure guess on my part. But I'm sure the "E" in "METO" stands for "Electronic". I know that other planes besides the U-2 were flown out of Atsugi and maybe "METO" had something to do with this.

There is something I found in my old notebook dating back to the late 1960's & there is this entry:

"JIM DUNBAR (of KGO radio) told me on Nov. 13, 1967 that he had a brother who was flying secret missions over Vladivostok & his brother told him that at one point in his secret flight he observed a plane 40,000 feet higher than he was moving at a faster speed."

Perhaps this is what "METO" was all about?!

A few final notes before I do close this letter:-

As I was going through my old notes I found a notation that Volume 15 - P. 638 has a reference to "crypto" clearance. This is on the testimony of Lawrence Meyers. You may be familiar with this. If not you can check the Volume for his testimony regarding it. Meyers had a daughter who worked at Argonne on various nuclear projects. But it was Meyers' son who had the "crypto" clearance. His son was with ASA (Army Security Agency). His son was stationed "someplace outside of Turkey."

Another thing I found, again, in one of my old notebooks and this may refer to Wrye. Page 588 of Volume XVIII refers to a man who said he would go to the Russian Embassy & sell his "design for a guided missile". The report was dated February 8, 1962. Perhaps you may have some info on this & does it relate to Wrye?

Finally I have one little story to tell which may be another of those "far out" stories we all come across but I'll relate it to you for what it's worth.

I met someone who told me (in 1990) that the ex-husband of Madalyn Murray (atheist leader) was once called to the Mexican Ambassador's office (in Mexico City) most probably before the JFK murder. The Ambassador wanted this individual to do a "hit" on "a head of State". While the name of the "head of state" was not mentioned, it was the belief of this individual father's son that the "head of state" was JFK himself.

I don't recall who the Ambassador was at this time but if memory serves me wasn't William Pawley the Ambassador then? Pawley, of course, is dead. It was Pawley, according to Summers, who got Luce to finance anti-Castro guerilla operations. Pawley had worked with Mafia figure John Martino who was a close friend of Trafficante.

Well, anyway that will give you some idea of the things I've been intending to write you about. Hope this will be of use to you.

Best,

Hal